To the President, Senators and Representatives

With Apologies to Messrs. Littauer, Burleson and "Ten-per-centers."



Justice is asked for Washington—the increase of salaries to the 25,000 department clerks means justice for all Washington. Is not the situation this: The clerk is now receiving a salary that is just too little, so that when an emergency arises he is forced into the clutches of the "ten-per-centers," when his irretrievable ruin brings suffering to his legitimate creditors, and incidentally to all Washington. Allow the small increase in salary—Mr. Davis' proposition—and the clerk is made a citizen profitable to all Washington. That the clerk actually needs this increase for living expenses is a fact beyond dispute to the fair mind. That he earns it is equally patent to all. Let us see. Of late years have come the civil-service examination and rigid business ethics, creating efficiency or demanding discharge. The result is a class of clerks infinitely superior to the bygone days, when the policy of "to the victor belongs the spoils" brought adventurers who were incomparably inferior. Are these not patent facts to us all, unless, indeed, we except the gentlemen we offer apologies to? But should these gentlemen be allowed to control the situation?

Mr. Davis is reported to claim that the majority in Congress is favorable to the increase, and we know the President is, as are all who love justice. Give the government clerk the increase, and he, with his heart in his work, is made a more valuable servant. All Washington gains—the clerks' money will circulate, which cannot be said of the greater amount received by his more wealthy superior.

A Lenten Sermon of Quotations.

"It's a poor kind of sympathy that exhausts itself in a sigh." "He who faces duty always finds divine aid." "The time server never serves his times." "To exalt one at the cost of many is to drag all down." "He cannot reach heaven who gets out of touch with earth." "The cheapest charity of all is that 'we would have given if we only had known.'" "Ability is the measure of answerability."

69°C LINGERIE REDUCED 69°C And Why the Reduction Is a Suprise.

The Dry Goods Economist, the most reliable authority we have, after full investigation, declares that prosperity is to continue and prices rise even higher. The Economist quotes one of the great retailers, as follows: "The manufacturers act," said he, "as if they were in a position to ask almost any price they have a mind to, and as if their intention were rather to raise than lower even the already abnormal price levels." Our patrons are taken "behind the scenes" to prove that the retailer has not "a bed of roses." If it were not that the manufacturers of lingerie were now making up garments for the May-June sales, we never would have picked up these samples and remnants of their lingerie made for the January sales. They are the last and best bargains of 1907—the garments now being made up will be much higher in prices.





Reduced to 88c.
See First and Third Floor Tables.



Reduced to 25c.

Only two of the Corset Covers are illustrated; other styles are here of best Nainsook, trimmed front and back with fine warranted - to - wash laces and embroideries, run with all - silk ribbons. Drawers also. Choice for only 25c. On third floor tables.





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75c to \$1 Silks for 59c

Success is largely a matter of persistent effort. It's nearly twenty years since the store management determined to make fifty-nine (59) cents a price feature in connection with Silks. The idea was to offer vastly superior quality to any sold at 50c and endeavor to give as good as usually sold at 75c. We struggled along for years with more or less success—today the Palais Royal's 59c Silks are famous. An excruciating experience this year, because prices are rising so, but, while we have fewer, we have as good bargains as ever.

59c for a Very Limited Quantity of Fancy Striped Silks Worth \$1.

75c Satin Foulards, 59c.

75c Check Taffeta, 59c.

75c Stripe Taffeta, 59c.

59c for 75c Plain Taffeta, 50 Shades.

59c for 75c Black Silks, 7 Styles.

Among the Fancy Silks at 59c instead of \$1 yard are some of the most beautiful colors and artistic effects in stripes. The 75c Silks at 59c include pretty grays and soft spring colorings in fancy and plaid checks. The Black Silks at 59c include Taffeta, Messaline, Peau de Cygne, Peau de Soie, Liberty Satin, Crepe de Chine and Radia Silk.

\$1 Suitings for 75c Yd.

And note the width—44 inches. And the style—newest of new invisible check suitings, all wool, in spring shades of tans, grays, greens, blues, black and white. This is the prize Bargain Spot among the new \$20,000 collection of Dress Fabrics, and it's very doubtful if such superlatively good values can be offered again this season. Other "Spots" now here are also passing bargains, representing the newly correct styles. See below.

44-inch Wool Voile and Shadow Marquisette at \$1 Yd.

The Voiles are plain, in black and all the new shades. The Marquisette is here of all wool and all silk. "Marquisette" is the keynote of style. Its soft draping qualities and sheerness of construction make it the ideal fabric for afternoon and evening wear, adopted by the Rue de la Paix and Fifth avenue. On second floor, with the proper dress trimmings.

The New Queen of Cotton Fabrics Is This 44-inch Voile.

All cotton, but has all the sheen and beauty of silk. Shown in three different widths of stripes, tans, blues and black and white. The price is high—\$1.25 yard—but see and feel this "Voile."

White and Fancy Fabrics.

The imported Dotted Swisses are prominent because in such vast variety and quantity, with prices at 25c to 75c instead of 37c to \$1 yard. With prices in the wholesale markets rising, the following are superlatively good values:

Fine White India Linen and Sheer Persian Lawn, 18c a yd. quality. 12c
Sheer White Checked Swiss and Fine Persian Lawn, 25c quality. 19c

Fine Imported White Waist Madras, in dots, figures, stripes and cross-bar effects; 37½c value.

Learn.

A perfect-fitting one-piece waist and a circular skirt that will not sag have long been the dream of womankind. Miss Millicent Stillman of New York has made the dream a reality and is demonstrating her invention here and distributing patterns.

'It's Too Easy"

A dressmaker listening yesterday to the explanation of Miss Stillman remarked: "It's too easy and will hurt our business." And it's so—a novice can make a perfect-fitting waist or skirt with these new patterns. And—but a five-minute interview with Miss Stillman will be more effective than a column of explanation. See her here tomorrow, on first floor, center aisle.

Laces and Embroideries.

Valenciennes Laces, in twelve (12) yard pieces, at 25c to \$3.98 piece, are here in match sets, in quantity and variety the best ever gathered in Washington. A new \$40,000 stock of Laces and Em-

45-inch Oriental Nets for waists and dresses, in small figures and dots; white and \$3.98 cream; 75c to.

Point Venice Medailions and Bands, white and cream; 2 to 10 inches wide; some worth \$1 48c

Black Silk Chantilly Drapery Nets, 45 inches wide; large and small figures and dots; \$5.00 \$1.00 to.....

 18 to 22 inches wide Japanese and Eyelet Embroidery; 75c

Swiss Yokes for corset covers, chemise, night gowns; with and without beading; all sizes, 39c from 10c to......



Silk Dresses.

The Ready-to-wear Cloth Suit is now a demonstrated success—and the Palais Royal is ready with a \$50,000 new stock. The new season's new feature is the offering of Silk Dresses at moderate prices and in best variety.

Choice for \$15.

One of the new "Jumpers" is pictured. Also here, at \$15, are Silk Dresses of plain, stripe and check taffeta silks, with fancy sleeves, lace yoke and new pleated skirts.

\$30 to \$50 Dresses.

For afternoon and evening wear—Beautiful Volle, Chiffon and Silk Costumes in new Princess and two-piece effects. Black and all colors.

Silk Gloves, Fownes' and Kayser's.



\$1 to \$1.75 8 to 16 Buttons.

2-clasp at 50c, 75c, \$1. Every Pair Warranted.

"Opening" the new season with a new \$15,000 stock. Ladies with short fingers are advised to wear Fownes' Gloves. 8 to 16-button lengths in all prices—\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Colors include black, white, cream, navy, mode, tan, brown, pongee, champagne, pink, light blue, gray, pearl, sky, nile and red.

Prayer Books, Half Prices.

From the famous Oxford University Printing Press, printed on finest of India paper, bound in best seal, fancy leathers, and moire silk. Literally half price—\$1 to \$5 instead of \$2 to \$10. Only while these \$50 samples are being distributed.

This Coupon Worth 50c.

This Palais Royal Coupon and fifty (50) cents entitles bearer to six (6) panel-size Photographs on folder post cards. See specimens and interview photographer, on fourth floor.

THE PALAIS ROYAL.

A. LISNER,

G and Eleventh Streets.

Mission Set, \$14.50.



The new phase of this set is that it is finished in apple green as well as weathered oak. Note that no nails or glue are used—only iron bolts, which can be loosened or tightened at will—an important factor, because all furniture is affected by climatic changes.

Mission Clocks, \$2.50 to \$25.

All strictly guaranteed eight-day clocks, with cathedral gong. All styles, from small mantel to large hall clocks. On fourth floor.